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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. FOR THE AMBASSADOR:

A. OLIN ROBISON HAS ASKED US TO PASS ON FOLLOWING MESSAGE:
"LOOKING FORWARD TO HAVING YOU AT MIDDLEBURY MAY 27 AND 28.
DO YOU HAVE SPECIAL FRIENDS OR RELATIVES YOU WOULD LIKE IN-
VITED TO THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY AND LUNCHEON WHICH
FOLLOWS? BEST WISHES." ROBISON'S ASSISTANT WITH WHOM WE
SPOKE SAID THAT ROBISON HAD INVITED YOU AND MRS. TOON TO
STAY WITH ROBISONS WHILE IN MIDDLEBURY. YOU WILL BE MET
AT AIRPORT UPON ARRIVAL.

B. WE ASSUME YOU WILL BE TRAVELING BY AIR BETWEEN LOCAL-
ITIES. ONCE WE RECEIVE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS POSED IN
STATE 107232, WE WILL PROCEED TO HAVE ORDERS FINALIZED AND
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ARRANGE FOR AIR TICKETS. WILL MRS. TOON ACCOMPANY TO SOME
OR ALL EVENTS?

C. REGARDING THE TALK AT NSA BEFORE A GROUP OF INTERNATIONAL
AFFAIRS SPECIALISTS FOLLOWING LUNCHEON MAY 19, NSA HAS ASKED
WHAT TOPIC YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS.

D. YOUR BROTHER, SPALDING TOON, HAS ASKED WHETHER YOU WOULD BE IN PITTSBURGH EITHER THE EVENING OF MAY 24 OR 25. IF SO, HE PROPOSES TO HOLD A RECEPTION AND INVITE SOME OF PITTSBURGH'S TOP BUSINESS LEADERS. PLEASE ADVISE.

2. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER THE YODERS' NANNY SHEARA FRIEND EVER CONTACTED HER PARENTS IN THE U.S.

3. IS AN EARLY JUNE ETA ON SIMPSON VICE MYSA IN B&F AGREE-ABLE TO YOU?

4. ON THE QUESTION OF RUBLE CONVERSIONS FOR U.S. PERFORMING ARTS GROUPS (HOLIDAY ON ICE), A/BF HAS CALLED OUR ATTENTION TO MOSCOW 11821 OF SEPTEMBER 1973 WHICH CONVEYED THE TEXTS OF LETTERS EXCHANGED TO OPEN THE FORMER NON-CONVERTIBLE ACCOUNT. SOVIET LETTER WAS SIGNED BY IVANOV AS CHAIRMAN OF BANK FOR FOREIGN TRADE. IT IS PROBABLY COMPLETELY OVERTAKEN BY RECENT DEVELOPMENTS, BUT SINCE WE HAVE NOT SEEN MENTION OF IT EARLIER, A COPY IS BEING POUCHED (ATTENTION TOM TRACY) FOR REFERENCE.

5. RE MOSCOW 9431 ON CALIFANO'S TRAVEL, WE ARE CONSULTING WITH HEW AND EUR/EE. WE ARE PRESSING TO HAVE POLAND SHIFTED TO FOLLOW, RATHER THAN PRECEED, THE USSR IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR SUGGESTION. THE ONLY PROBLEM WILL PROBABLY BE THAT CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE ALSO AFFECTS WARSAW. WE CONFIDENTIAL

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HOPE TO WORK IT OUT TOMORROW.

6. IN MEETING SHERROD HAD TODAY WITH NEW SOV CAPOS IN PM (PALMER/STEINER) TO DISCUSS MUTUAL CADRE INTERESTS, PM EXPRESSED A WISH FOR AS MANY AS FOUR MORE MOSCOW VETERANS FOR POSITIONS OPENING IN 1979. TALK WAS OF GOOD JOBS DEALING WITH ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS. WOULD YOU SUGGEST SOME NAMES, PLEASE (TOMSEN, MILES?)? ONE POSSIBILITY WE RAISED AND THEY AGREED TO EXPLORE WOULD BE A YEAR OF UNIVERSITY TRAINING IN ARMS CONTROL THIS FALL FOR ROBIN PORTER, TO BE FOLLOWED BY A 1979 PM ASSIGNMENT. IF ROBIN IS INTERESTED, SHERROD WOULD LIKE TO PRESS THE IDEA SWIFTLY IN HOPE OF LOCATING A STILL UNFILLED TRAINING SLOT.

7. PLEASE TELL THE AMBASSADOR THAT TODAY I RECEIVED KRIMER'S DRAFT MEMCONS AND WILL GET A COPY OF THE FINISHED PRODUCT OUT SOONEST.

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